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COLLEGE AND REFERENCE SECTION

The College and Reference Section met at the University of California, Berkeley, Tuesday morning, June 8, 1915. Mr. Charles H. Compton, reference librarian Seattle public library, presided and Miss Edith M. Coulter, reference librarian University of California library, acted as secretary.

Before proceeding to the program, the chairman appointed a nominating committee to consist of Mr. Francis L. D. Goodrich of the University of Michigan and Miss Esther Nelson, librarian of the University of Utah. The committee was instructed to report at the close of the session.

The first paper was by Mr. John B. Kaiser, librarian Tacoma public library, on "A need and an opportunity; the civics room."

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In the absence of Mr. Carl P. P. Vitz, second vice-librarian Cleveland public library, his paper entitled "Cleveland experience with departmentalized reference work," was read by Mr. Joseph L. Wheeler.

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Mr. William E. Henry, librarian of the University of Washington, presented a paper on the "Conservation of library material."

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The last paper on the program was read by Mr. Carleton B. Joeckel, librarian Berkeley public library, on "The field of the public library in a college town."

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On the completion of the program the chairman called for the report of the special committee on a statistical form for college and reference libraries. Dr. C. W. Andrews, a member of the committee, read a letter from Mr. A. S. Root, the chairman, and presented the report of the committee recommending that a single schedule be used for college and reference and for general libraries.

Mr. J. I. Wyer Jr. moved that the college and reference section accept the report of Mr. Root's committee. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. William E. Henry expressed himself in favor of a separate schedule for college libraries, and Mr. George T. Clark stated that college libraries would make a very poor showing if the single schedule were used. Whereupon Mr. Sidney B. Mitchell asked for a reconsideration of the motion, with college and reference librarians only voting. The motion was lost, showing that college librarians were opposed to a single schedule.

Mr. Clark moved that the report be referred back to the committee with the provision that the single schedule be tried for one year. The motion was seconded and carried.

At the end of the session the nominating committee submitted the following: "The committee on nominations for the college and reference section of the A. L. A. beg leave to make the following report:

"Mr. W. M. Hepburn, librarian of Purdue University, to serve one year to succeed Professor A. S. Root, resigned; Mr. H. M. Lydenberg, reference librarian of the New York public library, to serve three years. The committee recommends that Mr. Hepburn act as chairman for the coming year and that in the future the senior member of the committee serve in that capacity.

"F. L. D. Goodrich,
"Esther Nelson."

Dr. Andrews moved that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.